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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A continuous process for the manufacture of a fat-based heat-meltable confectionery product comprising the steps of:
    - (i) introducing a fat-based heat-meltable confectionery mixture into a low-shear extruder mixer,
    - (ii) introducing water into the low-shear extruder mixer,